

THE WATER IS WIDE

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

American Folk Song
Arranged, with adapted Words, by
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9 ALL VOICES (*unison*) *mp* **10**

The wa - ter is wide, _____ I can - not cross

4

12

o'er. But nei - ther have I _____

15

_____ the wings to _____ fly. *cresc.* Build me a

18 *mf* _____ that can car - ry _____ two, *decresc.*

21

and we shall row, *mp* both I and

24

you.

27 PART I *mp* **28**

I leaned my back _____ up a - gainst an

PART II *mp*

I leaned my back _____

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, and 28 indicated. The lyrics are written below the notes. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano), *cresc.* (crescendo), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *decresc.* (decrescendo). The score is for two parts: PART I and PART II. The lyrics are: 'The wa - ter is wide, I can - not cross o'er. But nei - ther have I _____ the wings to _____ fly. Build me a boat _____ that can car - ry _____ two, and we shall row, both I and you. I leaned my back _____ up a - gainst an I leaned my back _____'.

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oak, know - ing it was _____
 _____ up a - gainst an oak, know - ing it

33

_____ a trust - y _____ tree. It did not
 was _____ a trust - y _____ tree.

36

bow, _____ nor did it _____ bend,
 It did not bow, _____ nor did it _____

39

such is the bond of friend to
 bend, such is the bond of friend to

42

friend. The wa - ter is
 friend. The wa - ter is wide,

45

wide, the wa-ter is wide,
the wa-ter is wide, ___ The wa-ter is

48

decresc.
The wa-ter is wide, wa-ter is wide.
decresc.
wide, the wa-ter is wide.

8

52
p
For friends are gen - tle, ___ and friends are

54

p *cresc. poco a poco*
for - ev - er loy - al, ___
kind,

57

___ e - ter - nal - ly true, bright as a

60

mf *decresc.*
rose, ___ in the morn - ing ___ dew,
mf
bright as a rose, ___ in the morn - ing ___

63 *mp*

stur - dy as a boat that can car - ry

decresc. *mp*

dew, stur - dy as a boat that can car - ry

66 *rit. poco a poco* *P* 68

two. And we shall row,

P

two. And we shall row,

Resolved (♩ = ca. 112)

69 *mp*

both I and you, both I and

mp

both I and you,

72 *rit. e decresc.*

you, both I and you.

decresc.

both I and you, both I and

75 *ten. p* *freely to end*

The wa - ter is wide.

ten. p

you. The wa - ter is wide.

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